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## Typical Attitude Is 'I Don't Care'

The findings of the Penn State psychology clinic reported in yesterday's Daily Collegian would seem to sustain the recent report on American youth carried by Time magazine.

Time summarized American youth of today as "The Silent Generation." The conclusion of Dr. Robert G. Bernreuter of Penn State's psych clinic was that the average student does not express himself orally or in written form in line with his mental abilities.

The average Penn State student is not as retarded as some modern critics picture today's Joe College, says Dr. Bernreuter. The Doctor pictures the Man on the Mall as being of above average intelligence, having an I.Q. of about 120.

Dr. Bernreuter's findings are rather surprising, for the average Penn State student does a pretty good job of hiding his above-average intelligence. This would seem to be substantiated by the professor's claim that students have difficulty expressing themselves.

More often than not the Penn State student does not appear to be interested in expressing himself. In the classroom he is docile, with a good many instructors finding it a task to elicit any opinions from students.

The student shies away from classroom discussion even when the subject is of a non-controversial or of strictly academic nature. The student frowns upon the rare specimen who dares to break the silence and participate in cross-discussion with the lecturer.

Silence exists in other phases of the student's life. Where once—we are told by old-timers—one of the most pleasant elements of college life was the great bull sessions and debates held in dorms and fraternities, it has now become well nigh impossible to evoke an intelligent discussion. Those bull sessions which have survived are mainly concerned with sex, beer, and sports.

We trace this lack of interest in what might be called the finer things of life to apathy which takes an unusual form, an apathy which expresses itself in an intense desire of self-gratification, an intense desire to achieve material pleasure, and intense desire to take things easy and let the ubiquitous "other guy" do the job. Today's youth has well earned the Time tag, "Silent Generation." We offer another, "The I Don't Care Generation."

## Zetas Aid Pledges

In light of all the controversy and discussion of fraternity study habits and the aims of fraternities in general we feel that one of our sororities deserves a pat on the back for their hell-week activities.

Zeta Tau Alpha's pledges didn't get as good an average on the whole as could be wished by the sorority. Since it is advisable to have at least a 1 All-College average, the Zeta sisters are making their pledges 'hit the books' for their main project in hell-week.

Other more frivolous activities are also included in the hell-week plans, but all-in-all the extra study time insisted upon makes for a very constructive week and might carry over for the rest of the semester.

—Lix Newell

## Fake Paper Shows Student Attitude

In the process of circulating a fake petition, we found that 50 per cent of the students don't particularly care what they put their names to.

It appears that some persons consider petitions just a joke, and casually sign them, passing them off as another attempt to do nothing. Perhaps they are attempting to do nothing, but it becomes a problem when students will still sign a document without reading even one word of it.

The petition, which was circulated by members of the Daily Collegian staff, contained the following statement: "We give the bearer of this petition permission, upon receipt of our signatures, to hang us by the necks until dead." This sentence was purposely placed in the middle of a paragraph to see just how many persons sign something, either by not reading at all or by surface reading.

Out of 165 students, 81 willingly signed this so-called petition for freedom. The unfortunate part of it all is that only 37 of the 84 who wouldn't sign noticed this deadly sentence.

Many persons believe petitions prove that persons want to act on some measure. We fail to see that they are of too much use when students can so easily be convinced to sign a fake document. Just consider how much more effective the persuasion would be if the circulators were really out for something real?

We feel that a signed petition proves nothing so long as individuals are so accommodating in putting their names to almost anything. We're wondering how many persons would sign the aforementioned petition if we began circulating it once again.

—Mimi Ungar

## Little Man On Campus By Bibler



"Ah, ha! So this is where we're holding class this afternoon."

## Campus Looks Bad

Though the groundhog was reported to have seen its shadow, the prophesied six weeks of cold weather seem to be erroneous.

With the coming of spring and spring-like weather come budding trees, sprouting grass, and other sundry growing things.

We at Penn State are fortunate to have one of the nation's most beautiful college campuses, but students are defacing that beauty.

Looking over the College campus, we can not help noticing the barren paths short-cutting through grassy lawns. If students want the campus to look like it does in pictures and in the film "This is Penn State," we must be a little more considerate in choosing a place for our feet to tread.

The College physical plant does a fine job of handling maintenance work on the campus, but it cannot do the work by itself. The department needs the cooperation of the students.

Last fall there was a fence erected along the east walk from the Pattee Library, but it was knocked down and a path worn down across the lawn.

The College, it seems to us, has done more than its share to provide the students with an ample network of paved "paths." Let's use them and keep our campus looking like the campus we are proud of.

—Charles Henderson

## Gazette . . .

- Friday, February 15
- PENN STATE BIBLE FELLOWSHIP, 405 Old Main, 7:30 p.m.
- SABBATH EVE SERVICES, Hillel, 8 p.m.
- Sunday, February 17
- RECORD CONCERT, Hillel Lounge, 3 p.m.
- Monday, February 18
- ELECTRONIC WARFARE UNIT, 4-3, 200 Engineering E, 7 p.m.
- ENROLLMENT COMMITTEE, 108 Willard Hall, 7:30 p.m.
- INDEPENDENT STUDENTS meeting, Hillel, 7 p.m.

- COLLEGE PLACEMENT
- Eastman Kodak Co. will interview June graduates in Ch.E., M.E., E.E., I.E., Chem., Phys. and C&F Tuesday, Feb. 25.
- West Penn Power Co. will interview June graduates in E.E., M.E., and Home Ec. Tuesday, Feb. 26.
- Monsanto Chemical Co. will interview graduates at all levels in Chem. and June graduates only in Ch.E. and M.E. on Wednesday, Feb. 27.
- National Tube (Lorain, Ohio Div.) will interview June graduates and juniors in M.E., E.E., and I.E. Wednesday, Feb. 27.
- National Tube (Pitt. Plant) will interview June graduates and juniors in M.E., E.E., and I.E. Wednesday, Feb. 27.
- Campbell Soup Co. will interview June graduates in Ag. Bio. Chem., Ag. Ec., Ag. Ed., Agro., Bact., Hort., Ch., C&F, Ch.E., I.E. and M.E. Thursday, Feb. 28.

## Interpreting the News

# Russian 'World' Plans Unlikely

By J. M. ROBERTS JR.  
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You hear a lot these days about the victories that Soviet Russia has won since the war.

Allied victories, because they are defensive, attract less attention.

The small sputtering-out of communist-led strikes in Italy and France this week serve, however, to remind of the vast progress made by the free countries, too.

When you actually boil it down, communism has won only one major victory—in China. Elsewhere she has merely consolidated a sphere which was virtually handed her on a silver platter at Yalta because allied officials had not yet realized how cynically circumventing the Kremlin could be.

The war was hardly over when Russia tried to take Iran. The free nations stood up against her, and she was forced to retire from that position. Czechoslovakia was a borderline case in which the fumbling allies put up no real resistance. The Czechs had signed their own death warrant during the war with a treaty of cooperation, without realizing that their part of cooperation would be to lie down and be eaten.

Communism was in a fair way to take over internally in France and Italy. America went to their aid financially, and in Italy helped pull about the only really good job of shifty politics the U. S. has ever staged abroad. In those days the communists could just about close down France and Italy at will. Now they represent merely a lunatic fringe.

Russia mapped out a careful campaign to win Greece by a war which could not be traced directly to the Kremlin. It failed in the face of American aid and the

defection from the Moscow ranks of Marshal Tito of Yugoslavia, who found both his bread and his pride curbed by his original sponsors.

The great Russian propaganda machine kept at it busily, but imperialist communism has lost ground steadily, being completely without successes except where its desires could be enforced by armies. There have been no ideological victories for the Kremlin.

And finally the armies were checked, too. Two American battalions and a few airplanes set the stage for real resistance in Korea, and South Korea, has not fallen.

Finland was caught in an exposed position and nearly went by the boards. But Russia had set the stage in Czechoslovakia for her greatest disaster—the organization of the west for defense. She chose not to multiply the mistake in Finland.

She tried to choke the Allies out of Berlin, and fought them for hegemony in Western Germany. She met a solid and unyielding wall of resistance.

Russia created her own enemies out of nations who at war's end were eager to cooperate with her for her own and the world's advantage. By her very actions she molded them into a ring of steel encirclement, the very thing she had always feared the most.

## TARTUFFE

"the funniest play to hit Center Stage in a long time . . ."

—Daily Collegian

PLAYS AT CENTER STAGE

2 MORE WEEKENDS

15th and 16th 22nd and 23rd

Tickets at Student Union and the Door

## NOTICE Payment of Fees

Registration for Spring Semester 1952 will be completed by payment of fees on February 21 and 22, 1952.

ALL FEES, including ROOM and BOARD CHARGES, will be due on these dates. Veterans whose remaining entitlement is insufficient to carry them beyond the semester's mid-point should note that they will be required to pay their entire semester's fees.

Those Veterans who have not been certified by the Veteran's Administration will also be required to pay fees.

Fees will be collected in Room 6, Willard Hall on February 21 and 22 from 9 a. m. to 4 p. m.